



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 272

February Session, 2008

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AN ACT CONCERNING SHORTHAND REPORTERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 20-656 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

3 (a) The board, after a hearing conducted in accordance with chapter
4 54 and regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (a) of section 21a-9
5 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, may suspend or revoke
6 the license of a shorthand reporter if the holder of such license: (1) Has
7 been convicted of a felony, subject to the provisions of section 46a-80,
8 or (2) has been found by the board to have: (A) Knowingly made a
9 false, misleading or deceptive representation relating to his or her
10 work as a shorthand reporter, or (B) violated any regulation adopted
11 pursuant to this chapter.

12 (b) Any person who has had a license suspended or revoked
13 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section may reapply to the board for
14 reinstatement of such person's license immediately after the license
15 suspension period has elapsed or not later than ninety days after the
16 license has been revoked.

17 (c) In addition to any action that may be taken by the board
18 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section or subsection (c) of section
19 21a-9 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, the board may

20 suspend or revoke the license of a shorthand reporter under
21 subdivision (7) of section 21a-7 for:

22 (1) Failing to deliver a transcript to a client or a court in a timely
23 manner;

24 (2) Producing an incomplete transcript, except upon the order of a
25 court, agreement of the parties or request of a party;

26 (3) Failing to charge all parties or their attorneys the same rate for
27 like services performed in a proceeding, including any charge for a
28 copy of the transcript;

29 (4) Failing to notify all parties or their attorneys of a request for all
30 or part of a transcript in sufficient time for copies to be prepared and
31 delivered to such parties or attorneys simultaneously with the delivery
32 of the original request;

33 (5) (A) Giving, directly or indirectly, any gift, incentive, reward or
34 other thing of value to an attorney, the attorney's clients, or the
35 representatives or agents of such attorney or clients, or (B) directly or
36 indirectly benefiting from or being employed as a result of any gift,
37 incentive, reward or other thing of value given by any person to an
38 attorney, the attorney's clients, or the representatives or agents of such
39 attorney or clients;

40 (6) The reporting of any proceeding where the licensed shorthand
41 reporter is a relative of a party to the proceeding or an attorney
42 representing a party to the proceeding within the second degree by
43 affinity or consanguinity; [or]

44 (7) The reporting of any proceeding where the licensed shorthand
45 reporter has a financial interest in the proceeding or is associated with
46 a firm which has a financial interest in the proceeding; or

47 (8) Producing a materially inaccurate transcript.

48 (d) A shorthand reporter licensed pursuant to this chapter shall
 49 display his or her shorthand reporter license number on any business
 50 card, stationery, transcript, advertisement or other document used by
 51 such reporter and pertaining to his or her practice of shorthand
 52 reporting.

53 (e) The board may, after a hearing conducted in accordance with
 54 chapter 54 and regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (a) of
 55 section 21a-9 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes, impose a
 56 civil penalty of not more than one thousand dollars on any person who
 57 violates any provision of this chapter or any regulation adopted
 58 pursuant to this chapter or impose such civil penalty on any person
 59 who wilfully employs or supplies for employment or as an
 60 independent contractor a person who engages in the practice of
 61 shorthand reporting in this state in violation of section 20-652.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2008	20-656
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GL *Joint Favorable Subst.*